

Picture Books for Teaching Narrative Writing

North Carolina has made changes in the traits scored on the state narrative writing test. The original bibliography information has been changed to reflect the differences. If you are linked to this page, or have this page bookmarked, you may want to switch to the link below: [Using Picture Books to Teach Narrative Writing](#).

Sorted by Trait

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This [bibliography](#) is sorted by primary writing trait; traits are color-coded to make them a little easier to find when listed as secondary traits in other entries.

North Carolina scores Personal and Imaginative Narratives using four traits on a four point scale: **Main Idea**, **Supporting Details**, **Organization** and **Coherence (Sentence Fluency)**. Word choice, sentence fluency and voice are considered within these traits. Conventions are scored with a "+" or "-" added to the numerical score depending on number and level of errors.

Six traits: **Ideas/Supporting Details**, **Organization**, **Word Choice**, **Voice**, **Sentence Fluency (Coherence)**, and **Conventions** (There are no specific entries for Conventions--most any book can be used to teach this trait).

Plus: **A clear moment in time**, **Beginnings**, **Endings**, **Imaginative writing**, **Sense of Time and/or Place**

Sorted Bibliography

Author	Title	Summary	Writing Trait(s)	Curriculum Connection	Character Trait
	Indicates Out of Print				
Book of Poetry selected by: Lansky, Bruce	Kids Pick the Funniest Poems				
Alexander, Martha	Where Does the Sky End, Grandpa?*	Grandpa and his little grandchild walk together at the end of the day wondering about all kinds of things.	A clear moment in time	Science	Respect
Aragon, Jane	Salt Hands*	A young girl's brief encounter with a deer.	A clear moment in time	Science	Respect
Bates, Artie	Ragsale*	A family spends Saturday morning going to ragsales.	A clear moment in time	Social Studies Cultural Group: Afro-American	
Bunting, Eve	Night Tree	A family makes its annual trip to decorate an evergreen tree with food for animals at Christmas.	A clear moment in time	Social Studies	Caring
Bunting, Eve	No Nap	Dad's efforts to make Susie take a nap only exhaust him.	A clear moment in time	Health	Perseverance
Bunting, Eve	Smoky Night	During the Los Angeles riots a young boy and his mother discover the value of getting along with others.	A clear moment in time	Social Studies Multicultural	Respect
Burningham, John	Harvey Shumfenburger's Christmas Present	Santa discovers one last gift he must deliver.	A clear moment in time	Social Studies	Responsibility
Cherry, Lynn	The Great Kapok Tree	Animals convince a man not to cut down the tree that is their home.	A clear moment in time	Science	Responsibility

Crews, Donald	Shortcut	Children put themselves in danger	A clear moment in time	Health Cultural Group: Afro-American	Responsibility
Dooley, Norah	Everybody Cooks Rice	A young girl exploring her neighborhood discovers that everyone is cooking rice for supper that night.	A clear moment in time	Math: Measurement Multicultural	Respect
Fleming, Virginia	Be Good to Eddie Lee	Eddie Lee, a boy with Down's Syndrome, follows Christy into the woods and shares several special discoveries with her.	A clear moment in time	Science	Compassion
Friday, Beverly & David	Time To Go*	As a family prepares to leave, a child takes one last look at his farm home.	A clear moment in time	Social Studies	Caring
Giori, Debi	The Snow Lambs	A sheepdog guides a lamb about to give birth to safety during a snowstorm.	A clear moment in time	Science	Courage
Harden, Dan	Colliding With Chris	A young boy's first ride on a bike with handbrakes turns out much wilder than he ever thought.	A clear moment in time	Health	
Herald, Maggie	A Very Important Day	A group of immigrants become citizens of the US on a winter day in New York.	A clear moment in time	Social Studies Multicultural	Citizenship
Hesse, Karen	Lester's Dog	A boy overcomes his fear of a mean dog when he has to protect a frail, abandoned kitten.	A clear moment in time	Health	Courage
Hutchins, Pat	The Doorbell Rang	More and more friends arrive to share a plate of cookies.	A clear moment in time	Math: computation	Fairness
Impey, Rosa	Joe's Café*	Big brother Joe comes to understand what the responsibility of being in charge means when his little sister disappears while Joe is playing.	A clear moment in time	Health	Responsibility
Johnston, Tony	The Promise*	A farmer passes down a tradition of making a promise to care for animals with a little girl who helps him birth a calf.	A clear moment in time	Science	Responsibility
Keats, Ezra Jack	Apt. 3	On a rainy day two brothers try to discover who is playing the harmonica in their building.	A clear moment in time	Social Studies Cultural Group: Afro-American	Compassion
Moore, Clement	The Night Before Christmas	A narrative poem about Christmas Eve and a visit from St. Nick.	A clear moment in time	Social Studies	
Munsch, Robert	The Dark	Jule Ann pounds on the bottom of the cookie jar, and a small lump jumps out and starts gobbling up every shadow in sight.	A clear moment in time	Science	
Pilkey, Dave	The Paperboy	A paperboy's morning delivery routine.	A clear moment in time	Social Studies Cultural group: Afro-American	Responsibility
Pinkwater, Daniel	Author's Day	A famous author visits a school and things don't go quite right.	A clear moment in time		Perseverance
Waddell, Martin	The Big Big Sea	A young girl and her mother take a moonlight walk to the sea.	A clear moment in time	Science	Caring
Weller, Frances and Robert Blake	The Angel of Mill Street	On a snowy Christmas Eve in the late 1800's a family waits and worries when their cripple uncle doesn't come home.	A clear moment in time	Social Studies	Caring
Yolen, Jane	Beneath the Ghost Moon*	Poem: follows "'Twas the night before Christmas"....mice battle mean-hearted creepy crawlies to protect their home.	A clear moment in time	Science	Courage
Rylant, Cynthia	When I Was Young in the Mountains	Episodic remembrances of the author's childhood linked by the title phrase.	A clear moment in time (each episode), voice	Social Studies	Compassion

Goode, Diane	I Hear A Noise*	A little boy's worst fears are realized.	A clear moment in time, imaginative	Health	Responsibility
Van Allsburg, Chris	Bad Day at Riverbend	Surrealistic journey into the imagination, set in a western town where things start to go haywire.	A clear moment in time, coherence	Social Studies	Courage
Battle-Lavert, Gwendolyn	The Barber's Cutting Edge	Rashaad gets his hair cut and learns the joy of learning new words.	A clear moment in time, ending: surprise	Social Studies Cultural group: Afro-American	
Herman, Emily	Hubknuckles	Each Halloween a ghost named Hubknuckles dances around the outside of the house. The oldest daughter decides she is not afraid and thinks her mom and dad are just playing a trick. She finds out she is wrong.	A clear moment in time, ending: surprise	Social Studies	Courage
Johnson, Paul Brett	The Cow Who Wouldn't Come Down	Miss Rosemary uses all of her imagination to convince her flying cow to return to her regular station.	A clear moment in time, ending: surprise		Perseverance
Gilliland, Judith	Not in the House, Newton!	Everything Newton draws with his crayon becomes real.	A clear moment in time, imaginative	Health	Self-discipline
Brinkloe, Julie	Fireflies!	A young boy is pleased with the jar of fireflies he caught until their lights begin to dim.	A clear moment in time, organization	Science	Respect
Kumin, Maxine	The Beach Before Breakfast	An adult and child explore the beach early one morning.	A clear moment in time, sense of place	Science	Respect
Yolen, Jane	Owl Moon	On a winter night under a full moon, father and daughter trek into the woods to see the Great Horned Owl.	A clear moment in time, sense of place	Science	Caring
Viorst, Judith	The Good-Bye Book	A child begs his parents not to go out to dinner, separation anxiety.	A clear moment in time, voice/whining	Health	Courage
Bunting, Eve	Ghost's Hour, Spook's Hour	Scary incidents at midnight give Biff the dog and his master a frightening time.	A clear moment in time, word choice	Health	Courage
Joose, Barbara M.	Snow Day!	When school is canceled because of snow, Robby and his family enjoy the day together.	A clear moment in time, word choice	Social Studies	Caring
Young, Ed	Night Visitors	A young scholar learns respect for all forms of life when he dreams he becomes part of an ant colony.	A clear moment in time, word choice	Science Cultural group: Asian	Respect
Harrison, Troon	Don't Dig So Deep, Nicholas	Nicholas begins digging a hole in the sand and unleashes a whole gang of animals from New Zealand who go wild on the beach.	A clear moment in time	Science	Self-discipline
Howard, Elizabeth	Chita's Christmas Tree	Papa and Chita leave downtown Baltimore in a buggy to find a tree in the deep woods.	A clear moment in time	Social Studies Cultural group: Afro-American	
Rylant, Cynthia	The Relatives Came	The relatives come from West Virginia, and everyone has a wonderful time.	Beginning/ending: circular, word choice (very simple word choice)	Social Studies	Respect
Meyer, Mercer	There's A Nightmare in My Closet	A little boy fears the dark and the monster in his closet.	Beginning: begins with the end/flashback	Health	Courage
Herriot, James	Moses the Kitten	Dr. Herriot finds Moses near a farm pond in winter nearly frozen to death and takes him home where something unusual happens.	Beginning: bold statement by the narrator, ending: surprise	Social Studies Cultural group: English	Compassion
Bunting, Eve	Going Home	Carlos and his family travel home to Mexico for Christmas.	Beginning: dialogue lead	Social Studies Cultural group: Hispanic	Citizenship
Clement, Rod	Grandpa's Teeth	Soon after Grandpa's teeth disappear from a glass beside his bed, the whole town is under investigation.	Beginning: dialogue lead, ending: surprise	Social Studies	Honesty

Dukes, Kate	Aunt Isabel Tells a Good One	Aunt Isabel and her niece, Penelope, create a story including all the necessary elements.	Beginning: dialogue lead, ideas/supporting details		
Munsch, Robert	Moir's Birthday	Without her parent's consent Moira invites the whole school to her birthday party.	Beginning: dialogue lead, ideas/supporting details	Math: computation	Fairness
Rylant, Cynthia	Night in the County	Describes the sights and sounds of the country.	Beginning: dramatic, word choice	Social Studies	Respect
Hooks, William	The Mighty Santa Fe*	At Christmas, William has to leave behind his cherished train set when his family goes to visit his frightening great grandmother.	Beginning: figurative language, ending: mystery	Health	Courage
Hoffman, Mary	Amazing Grace	Grace is determined to be Peter Pan in the school play.	Beginning: introduces the character	Social Studies Multicultural	Perseverance
Steig, William	Shrek!	Shrek, an ugly monster, is sent into the world to do his share of damage.	Beginning: introduces the character		
Yorinks, Arthur	Hey, Al	Al and his dog yearn for a better life.	Beginning: introduces the character	Social Studies	Respect
Ackerman, Karen	Song and Dance Man	Grandpa enjoys reliving his vaudeville days for the grandchildren.	Beginning: introduces the character, coherence	Social Studies	Respect
Houston, Gloria	My Great-Aunt Arizona	Arizona grows up and teaches in the same one room schoolhouse she attended as a child.	Beginning: introduces the character, ending: poignant	Social Studies	Caring
Sharmat, Marjorie	Gila Monsters Meet You at the Airport	A New York City boy's preconceived ideas of life in the west make him apprehensive about moving.	Beginning: introduces the narrator, Stereotype/Reverse stereotype	Social Studies	Courage
Mendez, Phil	The Black Snowman	A magical kente brings a black snowman to life and helps a young boy discover his heritage and self-worth.	Beginning: mysterious, coherence	Social Studies Cultural group: Afro-American	Courage
91-Yolen, Jane	Encounter	A young Indian boy's tale of Columbus coming to the new world.	Beginning: mysterious, voice/serious	Social Studies Multicultural	Responsibility
Pinckney, Andrea	Duke Ellington	Biography of Duke Ellington, the jazz playin' man.	Beginning: question, word choice, voice/jazzy	Social Studies Cultural group: Afro-American	
Howard, Elizabeth	Aunt Flossie's Hats (and Crabcakes later)	Sunday afternoons Sarah and Susan visit Aunt Flossie and hear stories of old times while sharing cookies, crabcakes, and hats.	Beginning: setting	Social studies Cultural group: Afro-American	Respect
Tudor, Tash	Corgville Fair	Satirical story about a county fair.	Beginning: setting, word choice	Social Studies	Honesty
Yorinks, Arthur	Louis the Fish	An unhappy butcher from Flatbush finally is happy.	Beginning: starts at the end	Social Studies	Responsibility
Viorst, Judith	The Tenth Good Thing about Barney	A little boy must deal with the death of his pet.	Beginning: starts in the middle		
Hofsepien	Why Not?	Original folktale of a solemn man who adopts two cats only to discover he needs two laps. He solves the dilemma and learns how love can grow.	Beginning: strong statement	Health Multicultural	Responsibility
Trivazas, Eugene	The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig	A great version of the old fairy tale	Beginning: traditional narrative, ending: surprise	Science	Courage
Arrington, Frances	Stella's Bull	Set in the Depression, a child confronts and triumphs over the demons of a young imagination.	Coherence	Social Studies	Courage
Griffith, Helen	Georgia Music	A girl and her grandfather share two different kinds of music.	Coherence	Social Studies	Caring

Hopkinson, Deborah	Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt	A young slave stitches a quilt with a map pattern that guides her to freedom in the North.	Coherence	Social Studies Multicultural	Courage
Hesse, Karen	Come On, Rain	A young girl eagerly awaits a coming rainstorm to bring relief from the oppressive weather.	Coherence, A clear moment in time	Social Studies Cultural group: Afro-American	
Nolen, Jerdine	Raising Dragons	In spite of her parent's disbelief, a little girl raises a dragon.	Coherence, voice	Social Studies Cultural group: Afro-American	Caring
Hughes, Monica	A Handful of Seeds	Forced into the barrio by the death of her grandmother, Conception takes with her a legacy of corn, chile and bean seeds and finds they hold the key to survival.	Ending: circular, sense of place	Social Studies Multicultural	Courage
Van Allsburg, Chris	The Stranger	A mysterious stranger recuperates at Farmer Bailey's house and affects the weather.	Ending: mysterious	Science	Compassion
Burningham, John	Hey! Get Off Our Train	At bedtime a young boy takes a ride on his toy train and rescues several endangered animals.	Ending: mysterious, imaginative	Science	Respect
Howard, Arthur	When I Was Five	A six year old boy describes things he liked when five and compares them to things he likes now.	Ending: personal comment, Beginning: announcement	Social Studies	
Zolotow, Charlotte	William's Doll	William's father resists the idea of his son having a doll.	Ending: poignant, stereotype	Social Studies	Respect
Howard, Ellen	Log Cabin Quilt	When a family moves to a cabin in Michigan, something even more important than Granny's quilt pieces makes the house a home.	Ending: strong statement by a character	Social Studies	Respect
Houston, Gloria	The Year of the Perfect Christmas Tree	Since Papa left the Appalachian to go to war. Ruthie and her mom wonder how they will fulfill his obligation of getting the perfect tree for town celebration.	Ending: summary ending, sense of place, word choice	Social Studies	Responsibility
Brown, Marc	Arthur's Computer Disaster	Arthur disobeys his mother by playing his favorite game on the computer.	Ending: surprise	Social Studies	Self-discipline
Kimmel, Eric	Charlie Drives the Stage*	Nothing keeps the stagecoach driver from delivering Senator McCorkel to the train station or time.	Ending: surprise	Social Studies	Dependability
Van Allsburg, Chris	The Sweetest Fig	After being given 2 magical figs that make dreams come true, Monsieur Bobit's plans for the future are spoiled by his dog.	Ending: surprise	Health	Respect
Hest, Amy	How to Get Famous In Brooklyn*	A young girl observes the goings-on in her neighborhood and writes notes in her notebook.	Ending: surprise, sense of place, prewriting	Social Studies Multicultural	
Hines, Anna	When the Goblins Come Knocking	A scared little boy watches costumed Trick-or-Treaters come to his door. The next Halloween, he's "the scariest one."	Ending: surprise, word choice (strong verbs)	Social Studies	Courage
Hoban, Russell	Monsters	A young boy only paints monsters, different monsters, until parents become concerned and take him to a doctor. "Everything works out" when the monster comes to life.	Ending: surprise; word choice	Health	
Williams, Vera	A Chair for My Mother	A mother, daughter and grandmother save money for a comfortable chair after their furniture is lost in a fire.	Ideas/supporting details	Social Studies Multicultural	Self-discipline
Buehner, Carolyn	Fanny's Dream	"Cinderella" story—a hard-working farmgirl dreams of a better life and finds it—for real.	Ideas/supporting detailsv	Social Studies	Honesty

Allen, Jeffrey	Nosey Mrs. Rat	Mrs. Rat uses all kinds of tactics to get the "scoop" on all of her neighbors.	Ideas/supporting details	Social Studies	Self-discipline
Andrews, Jan	Very First, Last Time	A young Inuit girl walks alone on the sea floor for the very first last time.	Ideas/supporting details	Social Studies Cultural group: Native American, Inuit	Responsibility
Bang, Molly	The Paper Crane	A mysterious man goes into a restaurant and pays for his dinner with a paper crane that comes to life and dances.	Ideas/supporting details	Social Studies Multicultural	Perseverance
Cherry, Lynn	The Armadillo from Amarillo	A wandering armadillo explores Texas.	Ideas/supporting details	Social Studies	Respect
Cooney, Barbara	Miss Rumphius	A little girl grows up and makes the world a better place.	Ideas/supporting details	Social Studies	Responsibility
Fox, Mem	Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge	A small boy tries to discover the meaning of "memory" so he can restore that of an elderly friend.	Ideas/supporting details	Health	Compassion
Hoberman, Mary Ann	One of Each	A dog with one each of everything in his house thinks his life is perfection but finds that no one else can enjoy its oneness. He solves the problem by getting doubles and sharing.	Ideas/supporting details	Health	Fairness
Hoff, Syd	Arturo's Baton	Famous conductor and his baton make beautiful music. He loses the baton; his manager, servants, dog search. Problem: how to lead the orchestra without the baton.	Ideas/supporting details	Social Studies	
Hoff, Syd	Oliver	Oliver the elephant is the eleventh elephant and the circus needs only ten. Oliver tries a variety of ways to find a job and home, but ends up with the circus because of his talent.	Ideas/supporting details	Health	Perseverance
Hooks, William	The Three Little Pigs and the Fox	Three grown pigs leave home with 3 pieces of advice from mom. Appalachian version of classic tale where Hamlet, the youngest pig, rescues 2 greedy brothers from a mean, tricky fox.	Ideas/supporting details	Social Studies	Responsibility
Houston, Gloria	But No Candy*	While her uncle is off in WW II, Lee watches candy gradually disappear from the family store and realizes her entire world has changed.	Ideas/supporting details	Social Studies	Patriotism
Hutchins, H. J.	Believing Sophie	A little girl is accused of shoplifting and tries to prove herself innocent.	Ideas/supporting details	Social Studies	Honesty
Keller, Wallace	The Wrong Side of the Bed*	A little boy gets up from the wrong of bed and everything goes topsy-turvy.	Ideas/supporting details	Math: spatial orientation	
Lord, John	The Giant Jam Sandwich	A village plagued by 4 million wasps makes a giant jam sandwich and traps the hungry insects inside.	Ideas/supporting details	Math: Big numbers	Perseverance
Nixon, Joan	If You Were a Writer	Advice from a mother who is a writer to her child who wants to be a writer too.	Ideas/supporting details		Self-discipline
Pitman, Helena	A Grain of Rice	A farmer outwits an Emperor and gets to marry the princess.	Ideas/supporting details	Math: factorial numbers Cultural group: Asian	Perseverance
76-Slawson, Michele	Apple Picking Time	Neighbors spend a fall day picking apples with others on a small farm.	Ideas/supporting details	Social Studies	
Stevens, Janet	From Pictures to Words: A Book About Making a Book	Animals in an illustration try to help the author write a book.	Ideas/supporting details		

Tompert, Ann	Grandfather Tang's Story	Grandfather tells stories using tanagrams.	Ideas/supporting details	Math: Shapes Cultural group: Asian/Chinese	
Wilhelm, Hans	I'll Always Love You	Friendship between a boy and his dog.	Ideas/supporting details	Health	Responsibility
Zalben, Jane	Beni's First Wedding	Beni participates in a Jewish wedding.	Ideas/supporting details	Social Studies Multicultural	Compassion
Allard, Harry and James Marshall	Miss Nelson is Missing	Miss Nelson, the nicest teacher in the school, is replaced by Viola Swamp and the students gain new respect for Miss Nelson.	Imaginative	Social Studies	Cooperation
David, Lawrence	Beetle Boy	Gregory Sampson wakes up to find that he has become a beetle and only one person seems to notice.	Imaginative	Science	Consideration
Dorros, Arthur	Abuela	Grandmother and child take imaginary trip over Manhattan.	Imaginative	Social Studies Cultural group: Hispanic	
Dorros, Arthur	Isla	Imaginary trip to the Caribbean Islands	Imaginative	Social Studies Cultural group: Hispanic/Caribbean	
Floca, Brian	The Frightful Story of Harry Walfish	When a class goes ape on a field trip, the teacher tells a story about one of her misbehaving classmates who got left in a museum after it closed.	Imaginative	Health	Self-discipline
Johnson, Doug	Never Ride Your Elephant to School	Boy rides his elephant to school and gets into lots of unusual problems that he must solve.	Imaginative	Health	Responsibility
Small, David	Fenwick's Suit	Fenwick buys a suit that comes to life and takes over everything.	Imaginative	Health	
Anderson, Hans C.	The Emperor's New Clothes	An Emperor is made to look foolish.	Organization	Social Studies	Integrity
Blaine, Marge	The Terrible Thing That Happened at Our House*	Life as the family knows it changes suddenly.	Organization	Health	Fairness
Bunting, Eve	How Many Days to America?	Refugees from a Caribbean island embark on a dangerous boat trip to America.	Organization	Social Studies Multicultural	Courage
Burningham, John	Cannonball Simp	An abandoned dog, captured by the dogcatcher, finds a new life in the circus.	Organization		
Carlson, Nancy	Arnie and the Skateboard Gang	Arnie has to decide how far he will go to be "cool."	Organization	Health	Courage
Cole, Joanna	Magic School Bus Series	Mixture of fact and fiction in the classroom.	Organization	All	Responsibility
English, Karen	Big Wind Coming!	People prepare for and wait out a fierce storm.	Organization	Science	Responsibility
Hoffman, Mary	Boundless Grace	Young black girl faces dealing with her father's new family with her grandmother's help.	Organization	Social Studies Cultural group: Afro-American	Courage
Johnson, Elizabeth	The Three-In-One Prince	Prince John, a middle son, uses his wits to win a Princess's hand.	Organization	Health	Perseverance
Johnson, Ryerson	Kenji and the Magic Geese	A Japanese family whose love of beauty and belief in miracles defy hunger.	Organization	Social Studies Cultural group: Asian/Japanese	Courage
Kaldhol, Marit & Oyen, Wenche	Goodbye Rune	When her best friend accidentally drowns, a little girl, with the help of her family, tries to come to terms with death and sadness.	Organization	Health	Compassion
Lobel, Arnold	Fables	One page fables	Organization		All
Sendak, Maraca	Where the Wild Things Are	Maxi misbehaves and is sent to his room.	Organization	Health	Self-discipline

Hoffman, Mary	Henry's Baby	Henry wants to belong the "in" crowd and thinks he has to act tough and cool. Thinks his baby brother doesn't help his image, but a surprise is in store.	Organization, ending: circular	Social Studies Multicultural	Responsibility
Halberd, Katherine	Alexander and the Magic Boat	Imaginative Alexander pushes two armchairs together and persuades his mother to join his fantastic voyage.	Organization, beginning: strong lead	Social Studies	
Sisulu, Elinor	The Day Gogo Went to Vote	Thembi and her great-grandmother, who has not left the house for many years, go together to vote on the momentous day when black South Africans are allowed to vote for the first time.	Personal Narrative	Social Studies Cultural Group: South African	Patriotism
Lyon, George Ella	Come A Tide	Too much rain and snow cause flooding in Kentucky.	Personal narrative	Science	Courage
56-McLerran, Alice	Roxaboxen	The author remembers a town neighborhood children created and played in.	Personal Narrative	Social Studies	Patriotism (citizenship)
Ringold, Faith	Tar Beach	A young girl dreams of flying and claiming all that she can see for herself and her family	Personal Narrative	Social Studies Multicultural	Compassion
Gray, Libba	My Mama Had a Dancing Heart	A ballet dancer recalls how she and her mother welcomed each season with a dance outdoors.	Personal narrative, word choice	Social Studies	Caring
Harvey, Brett	My Prairie Christmas	Papa goes out to get a Christmas tree and doesn't return. A family's first Christmas on the prairie.	Personal narrative, word choice	Social Studies	Courage
Heath, Amy	Sofie's Role	A young girl helps out in her family's bakery.	Personal narrative, word choice (especially onomatopoeia)	Social Studies	Responsibility
DePaola, Tommy	The Art Lesson	Author remembers his art teacher from elementary school.	Personal narrative/ 3 rd person	Social Studies	Perseverance
Yolen, Jane	Letting Swift River Go	The town of Swift River is dismantled and flooded to create a reservoir.	Personal narrative/1 st person. ending: poignant	Social Studies	Compassion
Albert, Richard	Alejandro's Gift	A powerful environmental lesson about life in the desert.	Sense of place	Science Multicultural	Respect
Joseph, Daniel M. and Mendel, Lydia J.	All Dressed Up and Nowhere to Go	Spending Christmas in Florida with his grandparents, David is surprised that there is no snow and his winter clothes are too warm for him. His grandparents help him adjust to change.	Sense of place	Social Studies	Respect
Kinsey-Warnock, Natalie	The Bear That Heard Crying	A fictional retelling of the true story of 3 year old Sarah Whitcomb, who lived in 1783, became lost in the woods of New Hampshire and was protected by a bear until her rescue four days later.	Sense of place	Social Studies	Courage
Binch, Caroline	Gregory Cool	A boy visits his grandparents in Tobago and sees a different way of life.	Sense of place, word choice	Social Studies Multicultural	Respect
Willis, Jeanne	Earthlets	This book describes babies from the alien point of view.	Voice/"factual"	Social Studies	Compassion
Hines, Anna	When We Married Gary	Story of a second marriage from a child's point of view	Voice/child-like	Health	Compassion
Hewitt, Kathryn	Two by Two: The Untold Story	Noah sends invitations to family and animals to come on a romantic vacation cruise.	Voice/cunning	Social Studies	Responsibility

Viorst, Judith	Alexander, Who's Not...Going to Move	Alexander refuses to move if it means giving up his favorite friends and special places.	Voice/determined	Health	Courage
Blood, Charles	The Goat in the Rug	This is the true story of a Weaver and her goat.	Voice/factual	Social Studies Cultural group: Native American/Navajo	Loyalty
Joseph, Lynn	An Island Christmas	Rosie's preparation for Christmas on the island of Trinidad.	Voice/lyrical	Social Studies Cultural group: Hispanic/Caribbean	
Viorst, Judith	Alexander ...Bad Day	Nothing goes right for Alexander. "Some days are like that," Mom says.	Voice/pouting	Health	Responsibility
Meddaugh, Susan	Cinderella's Rat	A rat tells the story from his side as a coachman.	Voice/surprised		Loyalty
Adoff, Arnold	Flamboyant	Magical prose describes life on a Caribbean Island.	Word choice	Social Studies Cultural group: Hispanic/Caribbean	Respect
Base, Graeme	Animalia	Alliterative ABC book	Word choice	Science	
Hazen, Barbara	Turkey in the Straw	A farmer had rather fiddle than farm. At the worst time for the farm, he throws a fiddling party.	Word choice	Social Studies	Responsibility (lack of)
Helldarfer, M.C.	Gather Up, Gather In: A Book of Seasons	A prose-poem book of the seasons of the year.	Word choice	Science	Respect
Hol, Adelaide	The Runaway Giant*	Forest animals react to a melting snowman they believe is a giant.	Word choice	Health	Courage
Holder, Heidi	Carmine the Crow	Carmine helps a swan caught in a snare. The swan gives Carmine a box of stardust that he shares, but begins to worry about it being used up before he gets to make a wish.	Word choice	Science	Kindness
Hoopes, Lyn L.	The Unbeatable Bread	Poem about Uncle Jon baking an "unbeatable bread; whose aroma takes on a life of its own with magical results—the power of creativity.	Word choice	Social Studies	Determination
Hubbard, Woodleigh	C is for Curious	An ABC book of feelings	Word choice	Health	
Johnston, Tony	The Cowboy and the Black-Eyed Pea	Western version of The Princess and the Pea	Word choice	Social Studies	
Seeger, Pete	Abiyoyo	Banished from town for misbehavior, a little boy and his dad are invited back after they conquer the giant Abiyoyo.	Word choice	Social Studies Cultural group: African	Self-discipline
Shannon, David	A Bad Case of Stripes	In order to ensure her popularity Camilla Cream always does what is expected until one day she no longer recognizes herself.	Word choice	Math: patterns	Integrity
Heller, Nicholas	Goblins in Green	Monster book	Word choice (alliterative ABC book)		
Wilder, Laura Ingalls	Dance at Grandpa's	A little girl and her family attend a wintertime party at her grandparent's home in the Big Woods of Wisconsin.	Word choice, A clear moment in time	Social Studies	
Ketteman, Helen	Aunt Hilarity's Bustle*	Hilarity tries with disastrous results to make the best of things when too poor to buy the latest fashions.	Word choice, funny cause and effect	Social Studies	Determination
Turner, Patricia	The War Between the Vowels and the Consonants	Funny book about letters and which are most important.	Word choice, Ideas/supporting details		Courage
Kimmel, Eric	Hershel and the Hanukkah Goblins	Hershel relates how he outwits the goblins that haunt the old synagogue and prevent the village people from celebrating Hanukkah	Word choice, imaginative	Social Studies Cultural group: Jewish	Courage

Hurd, Edith	The Day the Sun Danced	Follows the seasons in a forest	Word choice, poetry	Science	
Gelsanliter, Wendy	Dancing in the Kitchen	Radio music livens things up as a family enjoys preparing dinner at Grandma's.	Word choice, rhyme	Social Studies	Caring
Keillor, Garrison	The Old Man Who Loved Cheese	Wallace P. Flynn loves smelly cheese so much that his family leaves him, dogs and cats can't stand to be around him, and even skunks have to move.	Word choice, rhyme	Health	Loyalty
Hirshi, Ron	Harvest Song	Story of a girl spending time with Grandma on the farm. Covers the changing seasons.	Word choice, sense of place	Science	Respect
Zolotow, Charlotte	Say Hi!	Mother and daughter take a walk on an autumn day.	Word choice, sense of place	Science	Respect
Steig, William	Brave Irene	Irene braves wind, ice and snow to deliver a ball gown.	Word choice variations of "said," Coherence	Science	Perseverance

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